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BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
RESOLVED BY CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 4473 has been introduced proposing amendments to Sections 1 and 126 of Public Act 167 of 1917, entitled the "Housing Law of Michigan", being MCL §§ 125.401, 125.526; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments have been reviewed by the City of Lansing Ad Hoc Committee on Housing and the City of Lansing Committee on Public Safety, as well as the Administration; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, the Committees, and the Administration have determined that the provisions of House Bill 4473 would lead to a substantially increased risk of substandard and/or unsafe and hazardous conditions within residential properties in the City and would have deleterious impact upon the quality of life and the overall safety of the housing stock of the City of Lansing through the enactment of provisions which would:

1. Lower the standards for housing inspection such that inoperable smoke detectors would no longer constitute a violation.
2. Decrease the frequency of inspection from once every two (2) or three (3) years to once every five (5) years.
3. Require all citizen complaints to be in writing available to the landlord.
4. Require that reinspection of major safety violations cannot occur until thirty (30) days after that violation has been identified.
5. Modify the definition of a housing violation in order to assure that properties would not be inspected more than once every five (5) years.
6. Modify various definitions so as to create vagueness thereby rendering theses terms and definitions void.
7. Modify the cost structure to permit municipalities to impose a fee amount only for the inspectors time; not for the actual and administrative costs of inspection; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned reasons have been presented to and reviewed by the Lansing City Council; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the Lansing City Council agrees that proposed House Bill No. 4473 poses a serious detriment to the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of Lansing.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council hereby declares its opposition to proposed House Bill No. 4473 as written; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council hereby communicates that opposition to the State of Michigan Legislative Representatives who

represent the citizens of the City of Lansing to work diligently on behalf of the City to defeat proposed House Bill No. 4473; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED the Mayor, on behalf of the City, is authorized to execute all necessary documents related to this matter, subject to prior approval as to form by the City Attorney.

COUNCILMEMBER SMITH'S MOTION TO PLACE AN AFFIRMATIVE ROLL ON THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

YEAS:7

NAYS:1 (Councilmember Jeffries absent during vote)